



Achievements & Contributions of Refugees

*California Department
of Social Services'*

12th Annual **REFUGEE INFORMATION EXCHANGE CONFERENCE**



State of California
Gray Davis, Governor

California Health and Human
Services Agency
Grantland Johnson, Secretary

California Department of Social Services
Rita Saenz, Director

August 28–31, 2001

San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina



An Invitation to Participate

Please accept my invitation to take part in our 12th Annual Refugee Information Exchange Conference. This event has proven to be valuable to a wide variety of representatives and leaders from community-based organizations, government agencies, faith-based organizations, the private sector and the community at large. Having such a diverse group gathered together ensures that our efforts to exchange information will be lively and worthwhile.

This year's theme is "**Achievements and Contributions of Refugees.**" I believe this compelling topic allows us to acknowledge, celebrate, and encourage California's refugees whose positive contributions impact their communities. The success experienced and witnessed within the refugee community is deserving of a celebration which is exactly what we intend to do this August in San Diego!

We have set some lofty goals for this year's conference and it will require your participation to achieve them:

- **Promote** collaboration between all concerned parties to better meet the specific needs of the refugee community
- **Create** strategies to enable California's refugees to become self-sufficient
- **Share** success stories of refugee employment
- **Celebrate** best practices in refugee resettlement
- **Discuss** legislative trends, both state and federal
- **Tackle** community concerns
- **Explore** cost effective programs and services, including how to identify and tap existing resources

Once again, we will be featuring a special **Youth Forum** on Friday, August 31st. The California Department of Social Services is determined to initiate, support and maintain positive involvement with California's young refugees.

I am personally looking forward to seeing each of you in beautiful San Diego!

Sincerely,

JEANNE RODRIGUEZ
Deputy Director
Office of Community Relations
California Department of Social Services

Tentative Agenda

(Workshops subject to change.)



Tuesday, August 28, 2001

- 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. State Advisory Council
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Early Registration and Exhibit Set-up

Wednesday, August 29, 2001

- 7:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. County Coordinators Meeting
- 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. California Department of Education Meeting
- 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Viewing
- 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Opening Session
*Jeanne Rodriguez, Deputy Director, Office of Community Relations,
California Department of Social Services*
Roger Lum, Director, Health and Human Services Agency of San Diego
- 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Plenary I: A Positive Focus on Refugees
Gita Saedi, Producer, Kartemquin Educational Films, "The New Americans: A Miniseries"
Kien Nguyen, Author, "The Unwanted"
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Break and Exhibit Viewing
- 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting
*Carmel Clay-Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hmong California Network Meeting
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception – Beach Party

Thursday, August 30, 2001

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration and Exhibit Viewing
- 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Plenary II: Emerging Refugee Issues
ORR, UNHCR, and State Department Representatives
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break and Exhibit Viewing
- 10:30 – 12:30 p.m. State Refugee Forum Meeting
- 10:45 – 12:15 p.m. Workshop Session A
 1. How To Get A Job with the State of California
Juana Lopez-Rodriguez, State Personnel Board
 2. Addressing the Health Needs of California's Refugee Population
Maureen Farrell and Michael Ayala, California Department of Health Services
 3. Current Issues and Trends in the Refugee Mental Health Program
Elbieta M. Gozdzik, Ph.D., Refugee Mental Health Program
 4. Developing Successful Youth Programs
Lorraine Cordeiro and Jane Bloom, Refugee Works
 5. Adult Protective Services
*Carol Mitchell, Kim T. Pham and Karen Tauch-Gordon,
County of Orange, Social Services Agency*



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Thursday, August 30, 2001 (cont.)

- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session B
6. Pursuing the American Dream: Helping Refugees through Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy and Asset Building
Sean Carpenter and Brandi Murray, International Rescue Committee
 7. The Grant Search
Magdalene L. Maag and Patricia Sinay, The San Diego Foundation
 8. Finding Affordable Housing in Your Community
Scott Robbins, JoAnn Soker and Greg Sparks, Mercy Housing, Inc.
 9. Bridging Borders
Richard Hobbs, Esq., Citizenship and Immigration Programs and Immigrant Action Network
 10. Problem Gambling – Hidden Addiction
Thomas A. Tucker, CCGC, California Council on Problem Gambling
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break and Exhibit Viewing
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Joint VOLAGs Meeting
- 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Workshop Session C
11. Facilitators of Knowledge for Workforce Development in Health Professions
Anita McDaniel, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
 12. Potential Problems with Ethnic Drugs
Richard Ko, California Department of Health Services
 13. Lost Boys and Girls of the Sudan: Resettlement Options and Mental Health Service Needs
Julianne Duncan, Ph.D., U.S. Catholic Conference and El [bieta M. Go] dziak, Ph.D., Refugee Mental Health Program
 14. Serving Refugee Communities Through the Arts
Laura R. Marcus, International Refugee Center of Oregon
 15. Community Collaboration
Captain Bob Clark, Lt. Stephen Bell, and Sgt. Timothy Maley, California Highway Patrol
- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Reception (No-Host Cocktails)
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Dancing/Entertainment

Hotel and Area Highlights

- Two outdoor pools, health club, sauna, and hydrotherapy pools
 - Lighted tennis courts and jogging trail
 - Marina with sailing and powerboat rentals
 - Nearby beaches, golf, water sports, jogging paths and city parks
 - San Diego Zoo
 - San Diego Wild Animal Park
 - Sea World
 - Balboa Park
 - Old Town
 - Seaport Village
 - Mission Bay
 - Coronado Island
 - Horton Plaza
 - Historic Gaslamp Quarter
- Visit www.sandiego.org for more highlights!



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Friday, August 31, 2001 (Youth Day)

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Exhibit Viewing
- 8:00 – 12:00 p.m. Registration
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Workshop Session D
16. What is the Role of English Language Training in the Integration of New Americans?
Myrna Ann Adkins and Burna L. Dunn, Spring Institute for International Studies
 17. To Be Announced
California Employment Development Department
 18. Refugee Immigration Update
Robert K. Montgomery and Kristy Cabal, International Rescue Committee
 19. Serving and Empowering Survivors of Torture
David Gangsei, Ph.D., Survivors of Torture, International
Gerald Gray, LCSW, Center for Survivors of Torture/Asian Americans
for Community Involvement
 20. Employment Resources for Refugees with Disabilities
California Department of Rehabilitation
 21. Youth Track Part One – CAUGHT UP Performance Project
Deborah Nguyen, California Office of the Attorney General
Peter Tamaribuchi, Project Director; Mindy Saephan, Nai Saetern, Robert Saechao, Sou Feui
Saechao, Lew Saeliew and Tadamori Yagi, CAUGHT UP
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break and Exhibit Viewing
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Workshop Session E
22. Establishing an Individual Referral and OJT Program
Irina Goldenshteyn and Mylene Foo, Catholic Charities of San Francisco
 23. Building Coalitions and Facilitating Partnerships
Jamie McLeod, Lorraine Cordeiro, and Cung Pham, Refugee Works
 24. The Sudanese Lost Boys and Girls
Alemi Daba, Francis Ring and Mabior Amol, Alliance for African Assistance
 25. Helping Your Family and Community Survive the Energy Crisis
Jesse Salinas, Community Resource Project, Inc.
 26. Recent Developments in the Healthy Families Program
William Vien, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
 27. Youth Track Part Two – Teens Take Action with Orange County On Track Youth-to-Youth Mentoring and Community Service Programs
Deborah Nguyen, California Office of the Attorney General
Olga Sanchez and Brisa Rodriguez, Orange County On Track
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Break and Exhibit Viewing
- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon
Lavinia Limón, National Immigration Forum
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Remarks



General Information

HOTEL INFORMATION

San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina
333 West Harbor Drive • San Diego, CA
(800) 228-9290 or (619) 234-1500

The special conference rate is \$84 for single or double occupancy, plus tax and surcharges. This rate is available until August 7, 2001. When calling the hotel, mention that you are participating in the Refugee Information Exchange Conference to receive the special rate. Please note: The hotel is centrally located and surrounded by shopping centers, restaurants and local transit; a pair of good walking shoes can get you where you want to go. It is 2.5 miles, about 10 minutes, from the airport.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Southwest Airlines

Southwest Airlines is offering a 10% discount on most of its already low fares for travel to and from the Refugee Information Exchange Conference.

Southwest Airlines Group and Meeting Desk
(800) 433-5368 • ID Code: R7122

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Call no later than five days prior to the first date of travel. Fares are subject to terms and availability.

Budget Auto Rental

(800) 772-3773
BCD Code V060593

Use the discount code above to receive special rates on car rental with unlimited mileage.

<u>Car Class</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Weekly Rate</u>
Compact	\$38	\$179
Full Size	\$44	\$229
Minivan	\$61	\$309

Shuttle Transportation

Airport shuttle reservations should be made with CLOUD 9 shuttle service: (858) 278-8877.

San Diego Attire and Weather: We encourage you to wear your native costumes with pride. Business casual will be appropriate for our daytime functions. Feel free to spruce up with some glitz for dinner and dancing on Thursday night! Keep in mind that San Diego is a coastal city – foggy mornings and cooler evenings are the norm, but many consider it “perfect” because of the average daily temperature of 70.5 degrees.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Who Should Attend? Refugee Service Providers, VOLAGs, MAAs, Refugee Resettlement Agencies, Refugee Community Leaders, Religious Leaders, Immigrants, Refugees; and Federal, State and Local Government Representatives of Refugee Programs.

Early Registration (by August 7)	\$165
Late Registration (after August 7)	\$190
Exhibitor Registration (Commercial)	\$300
Exhibitor Registration (Non-Profit)*	Waived
Co-Sponsor	\$500 and up
*Electrical access is an additional \$50	

Conference Registration includes two continental breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, one reception, conference materials, and access to all meetings/workshops.

Commercial Exhibitor Registration includes the admittance of one person to staff your exhibit, name tag, one 6' table and chair, signage, conference materials, and all meals served at the Conference for the one person staffing your exhibit. Additional exhibit staff must register at \$165 per person. Electrical access must be requested in advance and noted on the registration form. On-site electrical access requests will not be provided.

Non-Profit Exhibitor Registration includes one 6' table and chair, and signage. A name tag will be provided to the exhibit staff; registration does not include conference materials, conference sessions, or meals. Exhibit staff must pay \$165 per person to obtain conference materials and meals, and to participate in conference sessions. Electrical access must be requested in advance and noted on the registration form. Electrical access is an additional \$50.

Co-Sponsor: A minimum of \$500 provides for participation at the Commercial Exhibitor level.

Mail Payment and Form to:

Refugee 2001 Conference

c/o RCE Conference & Training Services
California State University, Sacramento

7700 College Town Drive, Suite 200

Sacramento, CA 95826-2304

Phone: (800) 858-7743 or (916) 278-4960

Fax: (916) 278-4865

www.rce.csus.edu (“Conference Services”)

Cancellations received in writing by August 7, 2001, are subject to a \$25 fee. After August 7, substitutions are allowed, but no refunds will be provided. No-shows will be billed the full registration fee.

For More Information

Visit the Office of Community Relations' website at:

www.dss.cahwnet.gov/commrel

Registration Form

(Keep a copy for your records.)

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Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Special Needs (Dietary/Disability) _____

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

☐ Attendee ☐ Co-Sponsor ☐ Non-Profit Exhibitor ☐ Commercial Exhibitor ☐ Speaker ☐ Youth

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

The Exhibit Area will be open:

Tuesday, August 28 (set-up)	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 30	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 29	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Friday, August 31	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All exhibits, displays, and materials must be removed from the Exhibit Area by 2:00 p.m., August 31, or they will be subject to LOSS. *Exhibitors should set-up one hour prior to viewing time.* The Exhibit Area is available for pre-conference set-up on Tuesday, August 28, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- ☐ I would like to purchase _____ exhibitor registration(s) at \$165 per person.
- ☐ My exhibit will require electrical access. (110 wattage only). Non-Profit Exhibitor requires a \$50 electrical fee.

MEAL SELECTIONS (Included in registration fee)

Dinner (August 30)

- ☐ New York Strip Steak
☐ Vegetarian Spinach Lasagna

Lunch (August 31)

- ☐ Breast of Chicken
☐ Soba Noodles, Oriental Vegetables and Mushrooms

Guest Meal Tickets

<u>Dinner</u> (August 30)	_____ Steak or _____ Vegetarian	\$40 X _____ = \$ _____
	Quantity Quantity	Total Total Price
<u>Lunch</u> (August 31)	_____ Chicken or _____ Vegetarian	\$30 X _____ = \$ _____
	Quantity Quantity	Total Total Price

CONFERENCE PAYMENT

Early Registration Fee (by August 7, 2001)	\$165	\$ _____
Late Registration Fee (after August 7, 2001)	\$190	\$ _____
Guest Meal Tickets (see total price above)		\$ _____
Exhibitor Registration (Commercial) Fee	\$300	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

- Check Enclosed (payable to CSUS Foundation/Refugee 2001) Amount \$ _____ Check # _____
- Charge my registration fee(s) of \$ _____ to: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express
Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____
- Purchase Order # (attach a copy) _____

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California Department of Health Services
California Department of Mental Health
California Department of Motor Vehicles
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